

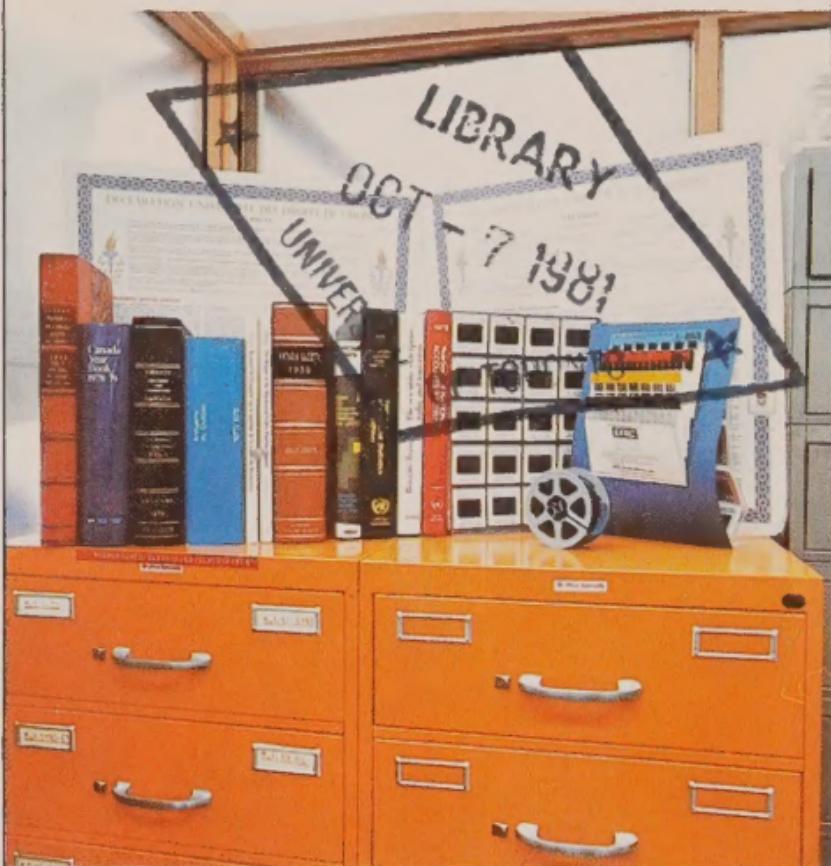
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The Official Publications Division of the National Library's Public Services Branch collects, maintains and makes accessible a unique collection of Canadian federal and provincial official publications and a wide variety of documents from foreign governments and international organizations. The Division includes the Canadian Official Publications Section and the Foreign and International Official Publications Section.

### **Collection Scope**

To maintain the comprehensive nature of the Canadian collection, the National Library systematically acquires through various means all Canadian published governmental information, both federal and provincial; the subject emphasis of the foreign and international collection is on the social sciences and the humanities. The Division gives priority to the acquisition of current material, but both sections maintain desiderata lists of retrospective material in order to complete holdings. The National Library is committed to building a collection of federal and provincial Canadian official publications as complete as possible; the post-1950 holdings are fairly complete and the pre-1950 collection is being enriched constantly.

A large volume of foreign and international documents are received in hardcopy through exchange agreements administered by the Collections Development Branch, although large sets of documents in microform are purchased by the National Library.

### **Collection Content**

#### **CANADIAN**

In addition to the Canadian federal government publications and those of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, the collection includes

published material of the ten Canadian provinces. Municipal documents are not part of the document collection. Selected publications of Canadian municipalities are incorporated into the National Library's general collection. The strength of the collection lies mainly in parliamentary papers (debates, journals, sessional papers, committee proceedings and reports), royal commissions, task forces, study groups (submissions, studies, reports), legal material (bills, statutes, regulations) and government official journals (gazettes). Publication of the financial cycle (estimates, budget speeches and public accounts) of the various Canadian jurisdictions are another important part of the collection. The collection of annual reports of numerous federal and provincial governmental organizations is almost complete. Publications of Statistics Canada, including a complete set of census reports from the early beginnings of the country constitute a strong area of the collection, the election returns of federal and provincial governments are another. The collection includes microforms which duplicate or complete the regular collection. Among major sets, the following are important:

- Parliament of Canada Unpublished Sessional Papers, 1916-1979;
- Parliament of Canada Committee Reports, 1935-1979;
- Federal Royal Commission Reports, 1867-1967;
- Documents from Federal Provincial Conferences of First Ministers, 1887-1976;
- Canadian Pre-Confederation Statutes, including British Columbia (1859-1871), New Brunswick (1786-1870), Newfoundland (1833-1867), Nova Scotia (1758-1867) and Prince Edward Island (1744-1868);
- Canadian Parliamentary Proceedings and Sessional Papers, 1841-1970;

- Documents de la Session du Québec, 1869-1977;
- ONTERIS documents on microfiche; and
- Census of Canada, 1851-1971.

Two rare collections are available on microfiche only: the *NEWSTART Documents* (over 500 reports) and the *ARDA Reports* (nearly 1000 reports). The Division subscribes to the full set of *Microlog* and holds a complete set of its predecessors, *PROFILE* and *PUBLICAT*.

#### FOREIGN

The strongest collections of foreign government publications are those of Great Britain and the United States, the depth of the latter being unique in Canada. It includes:

U.S. Government Publications, 1953-1975, non-depository, and 1969-1975, depository in microprint. This collection includes the *U.S. Monthly Catalogue* publications from the Superintendent of Documents;

U.S. Congress, Committee Prints, mid-1800s-1969, microfiche;

U.S. Congress, Congressional Hearings, 1839-1969, microfiche;

U.S. Statutes at Large, 1789-1972, microfiche;

Declassified Documents Reference System, 1975 to date, microfiche;

Congressional Information Service (CIS), 1970 to date, microfiche;

American Statistics Index (ASI), 1974 to date, microfiche;

Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), 1966 to date, microfiche; and

U.S. Serial Set, 1925-1958, microfiche.

The collection of documents from Great Britain is also important. All non-parliamentary materials published by HMSO (Her Majesty's Stationery Office) since 1970 are received through an exchange agreement and parliamentary publications are acquired by subscription. The retrospective collection includes:

British Sessional Papers, 173-1900, microprint;

Irish University Press reprint series of selected Sessional Papers, 1800-1900, hardcopy;

House of Commons Journals, 1547-1900, microprint; and

Parliamentary Debates, 1803-1854, microprint.

It is mainly through gift and exchange agreements that other parts of the foreign collection are being enriched. The Collections Development Branch administers seven major exchange agreements with France (1977 to date), Germany (1970 to date), India (1970 to date), Belgium (1970 to date), Great Britain, non-parliamentary publications (1970 to date), and the states of New York and Alaska (1970 to date).

Finally, strong collections of documents from Australia, New Zealand, Anglophone African countries, and some Caribbean and Latin American countries are maintained through gifts from libraries and donor countries.

## INTERNATIONAL

The Division collects publications from many international government organizations. Particular strengths include:

UNESCO, deposit collection, 1971 to date;

European Communities, deposit collection, 1976 to date;

Council of Europe, selective exchange, 1976 to date;

League of Nations, an almost complete collection which includes some microforms;

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, by subscription, 1977 to date;

International Labour Organization, by subscription, 1974 to date; and

United Nations, Official Records and sales publications, by subscription, 1976 to date.

The collection of documents from international governmental organizations also includes representative materials published by the Organization of American States, the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

## Services

The Official Publications Division provides reference and consultative services to libraries, researchers and readers in Canada and abroad. With very few exceptions (reference books, fragile and oversize documents), all material held is available for use in the library or available on interlibrary loan. Photocopies of material in lieu of loan are also provided, unless a copyright problem exists and a specialized photoreproduction service to make hardcopy from readex microprint is also available.

Files on various subjects are maintained in the Official Publications Division, which attempts to answer all reference questions except those involving the interpretation of laws and regulations.

A referral service to experts or collections outside the Library complements the reference service. As well, the Division staff members can provide professional advice on matters related to the organization and provision of services of official publications collections.

Further information about the Division or its collections and any of its services may be obtained from:

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## Services

La collection de documents d'organisations inter-nationales comprend aussi un choix représentatif de documents publiés par l'Organisation des États américains, l'Institut panaméricain des Etats américains, l'Organisation mondiale de graphie et d'histoires et l'Organisation mondiale de la propriété intellectuelle.

La Direction du développement des collections a ainsi concilié d'importantes ententes relatives aux échanges de documents avec la France (de 1977 à nos jours), l'Allemagne (de 1970 à nos jours), l'Inde (de 1970 à nos jours), la Belgique (de 1970 à nos jours), la Grande-Bretagne (publiée en 1970 à nos jours), les Etats américains de New York et de l'Alaska (de 1970 à nos jours), les Etats américains anglophones et de certains pays africains d'Australie, de Nouvelle-Zélande, des documents aux États américains et de certains pays de la collection; à ce chapitre, il convient de souligner les publications suivantes: UNESCO, collection d'ouvrages soumis au dépôt légal, de 1971 à nos jours; Communautés européennes, collections d'ouvrages soumis au dépôt légal, de 1976 à nos jours; Conseil de l'Europe, échange sélectif, de 1976 à nos jours; Société des Nations, collection presque complète qui comprend quelques micro-formes; Organisation de coopération et de développement économique, par abonnement, de 1977 à nos jours; Organisation internationale du travail, par abonnement, de 1974 à nos jours; Nations unies, dossier officiel et publication internationale en vente, par abonnement, de 1976 à nos jours.

U.S. Serial Set, 1925-1958, sur microfiches.

Educational Resources Information Centre (ERIC), de 1966 à nos jours, sur microfiches;

American Statistics Index (ASI), de 1974 à nos jours, sur microfiches;

1970 à nos jours, sur microfiches;

Declassified Documents Reference System, de 1975 à nos jours, sur microfiches;

U.S. Statutes at Large, 1789-1972, sur

U.S. Congress, Congressional Hearings, 1839-1969, sur microfiches;

C'est surtout grâce aux dons et aux échanges que la Division est en mesure d'enrichir d'autres parties de sa collection de documents étrangers.

Parliamentary Debates, 1803-1854, sous forme de microcopies imprimées.

House of Commons Journals, 1547-1900,

choisis', Irish University Press, 1800-1900, imprimés;

forme de microcopies imprimées;

La collection de documents britanniques est presque aussi importante. Tous les documents non parlementaires publiés par le librariaire-éditeur de Sa Majesté (HMSO) depuis 1970 sont envoyés à la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada dans le cadre d'une entente sur l'échange de publications, tandis que les documents parlementaires lui sont livrés par abonnement. Au nombre des publications retrospectives contenues dans la collection, il convient de souligner:

U.S. Congress, Committee Prints, v. 1850-1969, sur microfiches;

U.S. Government Publications, 1953-1975 (non assujetties au dépôt légal) et 1969-1975 (assujetties au dépôt légal) sont formé de microcopies imprimées; cette collection inclut les numéros du U.S. Monthly Catalogue, provenant du surintendant des documents;

Les fonds les plus importants dans ce secteur sont ceux de la Grande-Bretagne et des Etats-Unis. Cette dernière collection est la seule de notamement les publications suivantes:

## PUBLICATIONS ÉTRANGÈRES

### PUBLICAT.

Deux collections rares n'existent que sur microfiches; il sagit des documents NEWSTAR (plus de 500 rapports) et des rapports ARDA (plus de 1000 rapports). La Division est en outre abonnée à Micrology et possède la collection complète des prédecesseurs de cette publication, PROFILE et PROFILE.

- Recensements du Canada, 1851-1971.

- Documents ONTERIS sur microfiches;

1977;

- Documents de la Session du Québec, 1869-

canadien, 1841-1970;

- Délibérations et documents du Parlement

du-Prince-Édouard (1744-1868);

Nouvelle-Ecosse (1758-1867) et de l'Ile-1870), de Terre-Neuve (1833-1867), de la (1859-1871), du Nouveau-Brunswick (1786-1859) et des autres provinces à la Confédération, y compris ceux de la Colombie-Britannique

- Documents des conférences fédérales-provinciales des premiers ministres, 1887-1976;

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### Contenu de la collection

## Envergure de la collection

La Division des publications officielles de la Direction des services au public, à la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada, veille au développement, à la conservation et à la diffusion d'une collection, à la collection nationale du Canada, celle des publications officielles canadiennes et une Section des publications canadiennes et internationales. La Division comprend ainsi que de publications officielles étrangères et internationales. La Division officielle, gouvernement fédéral et provincial du Canada, ainsi que de publications officielles étrangères et internationales. La Division officielle comprend également toutes les documents d'information publiés par les gouvernements fédéral et provinciaux; la collection de documents officiels d'autres pays et de documents internationaux, pour sa part, porte particulièrement sur les sciences sociales et les humanités. Bien que la Division accorde la priorité à l'acquisition des publications scientifiques et humaines, toutes les publications en cours, ses deux sections tiennent des listes de documents rétrospectifs qui enrichiront la collection. La Bibliothèque nationale s'est engagée à monter une collection aussi exhaustive que possible regroupant les publications officielles de l'administration fédérale et des provinces du Canada; déjà, les fonds postérieurs à 1950 sont presque complets, et ceux qui sont antérieurs à cette date enrichissent constamment.

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